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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR  
1.53(b))

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09/23/00**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Specification [Total Pages 7]  
2.  Drawing(s) (35USC 113) [Total Pages 2]  
3.  Declaration and Power of Attorney [Total Pages 2]

- a.  Executed declaration (Original Copy)  
b.  Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed)

[Note Box 4 Below]

**DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**

Signed statement attached deleting  
Inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a  
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b,  
is considered as being part of the disclosure of the  
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
reference therein.

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

5.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)  
6.  Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).  
7.  English Translation Document (if applicable)  
8.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 → Copies of IDS Citations  
9.  Preliminary Amendment  
10.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)  
11.  Small Entity Statement(s) → Statement filed in prior application,  
Status still proper and desired  
12.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) German  
Application No. 199 46 753.6 filed September 29, 1999  
13.  Other:

14. If a **CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:  
Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-part (CIP)  of prior application No: /

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ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS? (YES) (X) NO					
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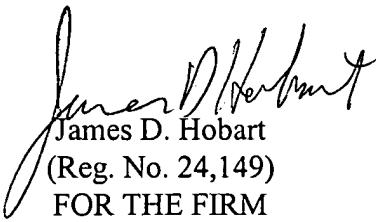
RE: Proposed Patent Application for Thomas Vogl Entitled "METHOD FOR RECOGNIZING AND AVOIDING ETCH-CRITICAL REGIONS", Claiming Priority From German 199 46 753.6 of September 29, 1999, Our Case No. P-00,1791.

SIR:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c), I am filing on behalf of the inventor, Thomas Vogl, the attached patent application with one set of drawings containing 2 sheets with 4 Figures, an unsigned Declaration and appropriate government filing fee.

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(b) and 37 CFR 1.53(f).

Very sincerely,

  
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Enclosures